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SUBJ: LATIN AMERICAN HEADS OF STATE MEETING

1. FOLLOWING THE VENEZUELAN CABINET MEETING ON JUNE 23 FOREIGN MINISTER ESCOVAR REMARKED TO THE PRESS THAT PRESIDENT PEREZ'S PROPOSED MEETING IN CARACAS OF LATIN AMERICAN HEADS OF STATE IS STILL TENTATIVELY PLANNED FOR SOMETIME THIS YEAR, BUT THAT NO DATE HAS BEEN SET. ESCOVAR IS QUOTED AS SAYING, "THE MEETING HAS NOT FAILED...THE APPROPRIATE TIME SIMPLY HAS NOT ARRIVED." IN RESPONSE TO A QUERY FROM A JOURNALIST, AS TO WHETHER SECRETARY KISSINGER WAS TO BLAME FOR THE DELAY IN THE MEETING (SIC), ESCOVAR SAID THAT ANY SUCH ALLEGATIONS WERE "NOT TRUE."

2. COMMENT: THIS IS THE FIRST PUBLIC COMMENT FROM A VENEZUELAN OFFICIAL FOR SOME TIME ABOUT THE CARACAS HEADS OF STATE MEETING, WHICH EARLIER HAS BEEN RUMORED TO TAKE PLACE THIS JULY. END COMMENT.
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